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NICARAGUAN ARTILLERY DEPLOYMENT
NICARAGUA-HONDURAS BORDER (SWN/NOFORN)
[REDACTED]

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SEVERAL ARTILLERY BATTERIES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DEPLOYED TO NICARAGUAN GARRISONS NEAR THE HONDURAS BORDER IN NORTHWEST NICARAGUA. (SWN/NOFORN)
2. REMARKS: A SIX-GUN BATTERY OF 122MM HOWITZERS D-30 WAS AT OCOTAL EPS BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY HEADQUARTERS AND BARRACKS ON SATELLITE IMAGERY [REDACTED] SEVERAL PREPARED FIELD ARTILLERY SITES WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE OCOTAL BARRACKS. ARTILLERY IS NOT NORMALLY SEEN AT THIS BARRACKS; HOWEVER, IN JUNE 1983, A CONVOY OF 12 ZIL 151/157 CARGO TRUCKS WITH 122MM D-30 IN TOW WAS OBSERVED ON A HIGHWAY NORTHEAST OF OCOTAL. THE OCOTAL BARRACKS IS IN MILITARY REGION I OF NICARAGUA, 11 NM SOUTH OF THE HONDURAS BORDER. (SWN/NOFORN)

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ALSO IN THE NORTHWEST BORDER REGION OF NICARAGUA, INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS SEEN AT THE SOTACA MILITARY FACILITY ON OLYMPIC VICTOR (U-2) IMAGERY OF [REDACTED] A NEW TRAINING AREA WITH TWO PACKED-EARTH TRACKS HAD BEEN ACTIVATED HERE SINCE [REDACTED] A FORMATION OF APPROXIMATELY 40 PERSONNEL WERE ON ONE OF THE TRACKS. THREE PROBABLE 57MM ANTITANK ZIS-2 GUNS WERE 800 METERS EAST-NORTHEAST OF THE MAIN SOTACA FACILITY IN A SEPARATE, PROBABLY ASSOCIATED SUPPORT AREA. THIS AREA IS IN MILITARY REGION II OF NICARAGUA, 1.7 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE NICARAGUA-HONDURAS BORDER. (SWN/NOFORN)

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NICARAGUAN ARTILLERY BATTERIES ARE OCCASIONALLY SEEN DEPLOYED TO THE HONDURAS BORDER REGION DURING PERIODS OF INCREASED TENSION OR TO COUNTER ANTISANDINISTA FORCES. (SWN/NOFORN) [REDACTED]

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3. OCOTAL-- [REDACTED] COORDINATES 13-37-10N 086-28-45W (S)
SOTACA-- [REDACTED] COORDINATES 13-00-40N 086-57-00W (S)

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